Constitution Amendment to declare Koch Rajbonshi.Tai Ahom, etc. as Tribals

1313. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring a Constitution Amendment Bill on the basis of Joint Select Committee's recommendation to declare Koch Rajbonshi.Tai Ahom, Moran Muttock, Chutia and tea population as tribals in Assam;

(b) if so, by when Government would bring the Bill in both Houses of Parliament; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) There is no such proposal pending with the Government of India at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The process of examination of the proposals in consultation with expert agencies as per the approved modalities is not yet complete in respect of the Tai Ahom, Moran, Muttock, Chutia and tea garden Communities. As far as the Koch Rajbonshi community is concerned, its inclusion in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Assam has not been supported by the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Amount released for post-matric and post-graduate studies for SC, ST, etc. in Manipur

1314. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount required for post-matric and post-graduate studies of SC, ST and others for Manipur during the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;

(b) whether the scholarship amount was released and disbursed on time; and

(c) if answer to part (b) be in negative, the reasons therefor and the measures taken to release and disburse this on time?